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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 17, 2005 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.05 million cattle on feed on June 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 2 percent from last year and 6 percent above June 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 360,000 head, down 8 percent from 2004 but equal to 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 480,000 head, up 2 percent from last year but 4 percent below May two years ago. Other disappearance during May totaled 20,000 head compared with 10,000 last year and two years ago.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.77 million head on June 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2004 and 2 percent above June 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.22 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 4 percent below 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.0 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 96,000 during May, 22 percent above 2004 and 48 percent above 2003.

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